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Village Forester Receives National Recognition

The Garden Club of America, of which the Council of Barrington Garden Clubs is a member, acknowledged Mike Szymanski, Village Forester, for his significant contribution for civic improvement for his continued enthusiastic dedication to the enhancement and maintenance of public landscaping throughout the Village of Barrington.



L to R: John Heinz, Director of Public Works; Mike Szymanski, Village Forester; and Beth Raseman, Village Trustee were on hand to receive several awards recognizing both the Village and Mike Szymanski, personally.

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Village Parkway Tree Trimming

The Village of Barrington has contracted with Autumn Tree Care Experts to perform routine tree trimming for its parkway trees. Their personnel will be trimming trees within District II and the Flint Creek subdivision. This area is in the western portion of our village and includes the following areas:

- Roslyn Road area: bound by N. Hough St., Northwest Hwy and Roslyn Rd.
- Public Works area: North & South Hager St., Laverne St. and North Raymond Ave.
- All streets west of Hough St., North of Rt. 59, and south of the E. J. & E. and Union Pacific railroad spur and include: Glen Acres, Westwood and Barrington Highlands.
- Flint Creek subdivision.

All those trees located in the parkway area from the curb to approximately 15' back, will be trimmed.

Tree trimming work began in January and will continue throughout the winter season. Trimming will include the removal of dead wood and interfering or crossing branches. The street side of many of the trees will be elevated to allow for safe passage of vehicular traffic. All attempts will be made to balance the form of the tree.

If you have specific trimming needs, or would like further information about the tree-trimming program, please contact Mike Szymanski at 847-381-7903.

Garden Clubs Honor Village

The Council of Barrington Garden Clubs honored the Village of Barrington with two separate awards. The first award was for the hardscape improvements and beautification of the Barrington Train Station. The second award was for the exceptional design, color and maintenance of the Village Hall, Train Station and hanging baskets throughout the Village Center.

Development Updates

Fifth Third Bank – 333 West Northwest Highway

The Board of Trustees approved a project for the construction of a new bank with drive-through lanes in September 2003. The bank building should open in the summer of 2004.

Dairy Queen Grill & Chill – 233 West Northwest Highway

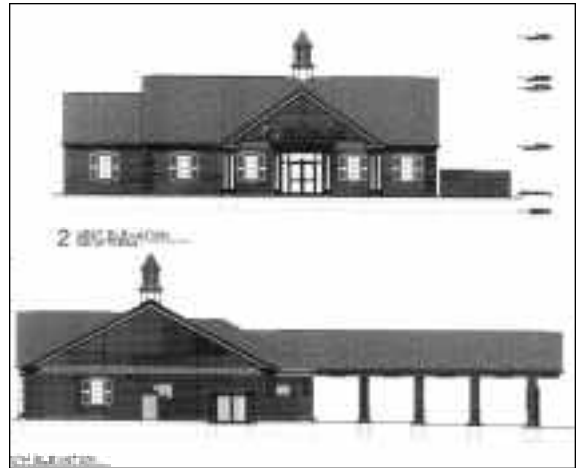
The Board of Trustees approved a project for the remodeling of the former Burger King building, including the addition of a drive-through lane, for a new Dairy Queen Grill & Chill restaurant in January 2004. The restaurant should open in the summer of 2004.

Marathon Gas Station – 504 East Main Street

The Board of Trustees approved a project for the remodeling of the former Mobil service station to a new Marathon gas station with a Folger's Café in January 2004. The project should be completed by the summer of 2004.



Marathon Gas Station



Fifth Third Bank



Dairy Queen Grill & Chill

New Child Safety Seat Requirements

Effective January 1, 2004, the Child Passenger Protection Act changed to require anyone who transports children in Illinois in non-commercial (passenger) vehicles to do so in the following manner:

- Children under the age of 8 must be secured in an appropriate child safety seat. The parent/ guardian of a child under the age of 8 is responsible for providing a child safety seat to anyone who transports his or her child.
- Children weighing more than 40 pounds may be transported in the back seat of a motor vehicle while wearing only a lap belt if the back seat is not equipped with a lap and shoulder belt system.

- Children between the ages of 8 and 16 must be secured in a properly adjusted safety belt in any position in the vehicle.
- Every person under the age of 18 years, who transports a child between the ages of 8 and 18, is responsible for securing that child in a properly adjusted and fastened safety belt or child safety seat.
- Persons in violation of this law will be subject to a \$50 fine for a first offense. Subsequent violations are punishable with a \$100 fine.

For more information on the new law, please visit the website at www.sos.state.il.us/departments/drivers/programs/kiss.html

Our Town Barrington Volunteers: Downtown Façade Design Brochure

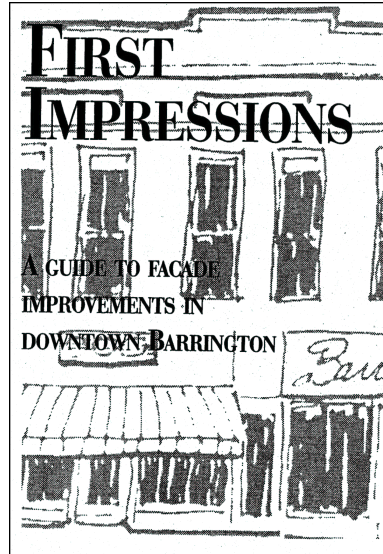
As part of our downtown revitalization effort, the Village continues to make progress with enhancements to the Village Center- notably through the streetscape improvements that have occurred in the past few years. One of the next important steps in revitalization is the improvement of individual building facades and structures, to help restore and maintain the historic character of our downtown and to help attract and preserve businesses.

As a first step, the Village has initiated a low-interest loan subsidy program for façade and other building improvements within the downtown TIF district. The program provides an incentive for TIF district property owners to make improvements to Village Center properties. As another part of downtown revitalization efforts, Our Town Barrington Volunteers (OTBV) has created a brochure titled "First Impressions: A Guide to Façade Improvements in Downtown Barrington".

The brochure is intended familiarize business and property owners with the benefits of façade improvement, and provide guidance for how best to implement a façade improvement- from the conceptual phase through completion. The brochure offers a step-by-step approach that will help assure that a façade improvement project will have the best design possible, minimize Village approval time, and take advantage of programs offered for façade improvement.

The brochure will soon be distributed to all properties in the downtown TIF district. Copies are also available at the Building and Planning Department at the Village Hall. Copies of the brochure may also be obtained from OTBV, by writing to them at PO Box 1212, Barrington IL 60011, or calling them at (847) 620-4656.

Our Town Barrington Volunteers is an active volunteer-based group committed to the revitalization of downtown Barrington and its historic and cultural character. OTBV succeeds through the efforts of its citizen volunteers. For more information on programs or membership in OTBV, please contact them at the address or telephone number above.



February:

02	Fire/ Police Commission	6:30 pm
02	Committee of the Whole	7:00 pm
03	Zoning Board of Appeals	7:00 pm
09	Administrative Services	6:00 pm
09	Village Board	8:00 pm
10	Plan Commission	8:00 pm
12	Architectural Review Com	7:30 pm
17	Planning Zoning Econ Dev	7:00 pm
23	Village Board	8:00 pm
24	Plan Commission	7:00 pm
26	Architectural Review Com	7:30 pm

March:

01	Fire/ Police Commission	6:30 pm
02	Zoning Board of Appeals	7:00 pm
08	Committee of the Whole	7:00 pm
09	Plan Commission	7:00 pm
11	Architectural Review Com	7:30 pm
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15	Village Board	8:00 pm
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Environmental News

Road salt is a necessary and generally accepted part of the winter environment. It is used to keep snow and ice from bonding to the pavement and is the most widely available and cost effective deicer available. However, when salt is used excessively, it can cause enormous infrastructural and environmental damage. Its use reduces water quality in many aquifers and lakes and kills roadside vegetation and wildlife and damages soils. Salt contributes to the erosion of road surfaces, bridges, parking garages and vehicles. New corrosion prevention techniques are continuing to evolve and are being used by highway agencies to reduce permeability to water and chlorides on bridges, highways and other infrastructure. Keeping vehicles as clean as possible helps too, since the smoother a vehicle's surface, the more likely a foreign substance like salt will just slide off. Salt may be a necessary evil, but remember that a thin layer is all that is needed.

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Village Vision

The Vision of Barrington is to preserve and promote its unique small town heritage, preserve its distinct ecological and historical character, provide a moral and safe environment, maintain a high quality of life through the efficient use of community resources, and respond to future challenges through citizen participation in all civic, social and cultural endeavors.

The Community is committed to preserving the quality of its neighborhoods, the quality of education, and the diversity of leisure time activities. The community is dedicated to fostering an easily-accessible center of activity for the Barrington area, maintaining a prosperous economic base, protecting its extensive natural resources and promoting public participation and communication.

HOT TIPS

SNOW REMOVAL TIPS

If you shovel a small area of your parkway along the curb line and opposite the direction of traffic for approximately six to eight feet, less snow will be deposited at the end of your driveway when the plows widen the street from curb to curb.

REMEMBER TO SHOVEL SIDEWALKS

Heavy snowfall creates difficulties in keeping our streets, driveways, and walks clear of snow. Village ordinances require all property owners to clear snow from the public walk in front, side, or rear of their property. The Village receives numerous complaints regarding sidewalks that have not been cleared, causing hazardous conditions for pedestrians. Businesses are required to remove any accumulation of 2 inches or more, within 3 hours. Residences are required to remove accumulations of 2 inches or more within 24 hours. We appreciate your help in assuring the safety of your neighbors and customers by keeping the public walks clear

OVERNIGHT AND SNOW PARKING - November 1st through March 31st

Overnight parking is not permitted for any vehicle on any portion of any dedicated right-of-way, including, but not limited to, any street, parkway, driveway apron, or tree bank in the Village from 1:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. To allow snowplows to safely maneuver and clean the streets for emergency response

Emergency (Fire/Police/EMS) 9-1-1

Village Hall304-3400

Village Manager 304-3444

Admin. Services 304-3400

Building & Planning..... 304-3460

Economic Dev..... 304-3440

Fire Dept.304-3600

Police Dept.304-3300

Public Works..... 381-7903

Water/Sewer Billing..... 304-3430

vehicles, parking is not permitted when snow accumulation is over 2 inches or more until snow removal operations are complete. Residents are also reminded not to block sidewalks when parking in driveways at any time.

STORMWATER/SEWAGE BACKUP

With spring approaching, residents are reminded to review their homeowner's insurance policy to ensure coverage in the case of storm water/sewage backups in your home.

YARDWASTE

Compost pickup will resume on Friday, March 19, 2004.